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FOREIGN NEWS ON APPLES

THE BRITISH APPLE MARKET

Lighter supplies and better condition of American barreled apples on the Liverpool fruit auction Wednesday resulted in higher prices than during recent weeks, according to a cable to the Foreign Service of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics from Mr. F. A. Motz, fruit specialist of the United States Department of Agriculture in Europe. Boxed apples were in light supply and the demand except for Jonathans, which were in variable condition, was good. Oregon Yellow Newtowns were in active demand. The condition of both barreled and boxed apples was generally good. Fewer barreled apples were arriving in a slack condition.

Prices paid for Yorks are still considerably below those received at this time a year ago but show considerable improvement over last week. U. S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch Yorks sold at \$6.33 to \$6.81 per barrel as compared with \$5.84 to \$6.45 last week and \$8.03 to \$8.64 a year ago. The demand was slow for the low grade Virginia Ben Davis apples offered but was improved over last week. Virginia Delicious were also in better demand.

Oregon Newtowns made the best prices for boxed apples on the auction with Newtowns from Washington second. Extra Fancy 150/163/175 Oregon Newtowns sold at from \$4.26 to \$4.38 per box as compared with \$3.65 to \$3.77 paid at this time a year ago. In general boxed apples were selling at slightly lower prices than last week.

Canadian barreled apple supplies were liberal at London while American supplies were light. U.S. Commercial, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ grade, Virginia Yorks sold at from \$4.87 to \$5.84 which was much better than last week's price. Mr. Motz reports the demand is only for highly colored fruit. Oregon Yellow Newtowns sold at lower prices than those paid at Liverpool. Extra Fancy 150/163/175 grade sold at from \$4.14 to \$4.38. Extra Fancy 188/smaller at \$3.53 to \$3.77; Fancy 150/163/175 at \$2.68 to \$3.22 and Fancy 188/smaller sold at around \$3.04 per box. Washington 188/smaller sold at \$2.31 to \$2.55 per box.

Supplies of pears were light on the Liverpool auction but the demand was only fair. Only sound condition fruit is in demand. At London, Washington Winter Nelis sold at from \$2.92 to \$3.47 and Colorado Keiffers at about \$2.19 per box.

Price paid for American fruit on the Liverpool auction

Variety, grade and origin	Price		
	1928	1929	
	Dec 19	Dec 11	Dec 18
<u>APPLES</u>	<u>BARRELS</u>	<u>Dollars</u>	<u>Dollars</u>
York Imperial, Virginia:			
U.S. No. 1, $2\frac{1}{4}$ inch, min	8.03-8.64	5.84-6.45	6.33-6.81
U.S. Commercial, $2\frac{1}{4}$ inch, min	7.79-7.91	5.84-6.33	5.84-6.33
Unclassified, $2\frac{1}{4}$ inch, min	---	4.38-4.87	4.87-5.35
Ben Davis, Virginia:			
Unclassified, $2\frac{1}{4}$ inch, min	---	---	4.38-4.87
Delicious, Virginia:			
Unclassified, $2\frac{1}{4}$ inch, min	---	---	4.87-5.35
	<u>BOXES</u>		
Winesap, Washington:			
Extra fancy 150/163/175	---	2.92-3.41	2.98-3.16
Extra fancy 188/smaller	---	2.55-2.74	2.68-2.92
C grade 150/163/175	---	---	2.68-2.74
C grade 188/smaller	---	---	2.19-2.49
Newtown, Washington:			
Extra fancy 150/163/175	---	4.20-4.32	3.89-4.14
Extra fancy 188/smaller	---	3.65-4.01	3.65-3.89
Fancy 150/163/175	---	---	3.77-4.08
Fancy 188/smaller	---	---	3.47-3.71
C grade 150/163/175	---	---	3.53-3.65
C grade 188/smaller	---	---	3.04-3.16
Jonathan, Washington:			
Fancy 150/163/175	2.43	---	2.62-2.80
Fancy 188/smaller	---	---	2.49-2.55
Delicious, Oregon:			
Extra fancy 150/163/175	2.68	---	3.65
Extra fancy 188/smaller	2.55	---	3.28-3.53
Fancy 150/163/175	---	$\frac{a}{2}$ /3.16-3.41	3.53
Fancy 188/smaller	---	$\frac{a}{2}$ /2.74-3.04	3.04-3.28
C grade 150/163/175	---	---	2.55-2.80
C grade 188/smaller	---	---	2.37-2.62
Newtown, Oregon:			
Extra fancy 150/163/175	3.65-3.77	---	4.26-4.38
Extra fancy 188/smaller	2.98	---	3.77-4.01
Fancy 150/163/175	2.98-3.41	---	3.77-3.95
Fancy 188/smaller	3.71	---	3.65-4.01
C grade 188/smaller	---	---	3.28-3.59
<u>PEARS</u>	<u>BOXES</u>		
Anjou, Oregon	---	---	2.92-3.65
Winter Nellis, Oregon	---	---	2.43-3.16
Comice, Oregon	---	3.41-4.14	3.89-4.87
Winter Nellis, Washington	3.10-3.35	3.41	2.68-3.71
Keiffer, Colorado	---	---	2.49-2.92

Note: All quotations are for fruit in good condition unless otherwise noted.
 $\frac{a}{2}$ Washington Delicious.